

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 1-3, and 5 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification is asserted not to be enabling for the groups X₁, X₂, X₃, Y₁ and Y₂ being either sulfur or nitrogen instead of the admittedly enabled oxygen. In response, claim 1 has been amended to be limited to the compounds wherein all of X₁, X₂, X₃, Y₁ and Y₂ are oxygen. Since these claims have been admitted by the Examiner to be enabled, claim 1 is now in allowable form. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 are dependent on claim 1 and are also in allowable form. Claim 4 is an independent claim, but was previously amended to contain only oxygen at the X₁, X₂, X₃, Y₁ and Y₂ sites and so also is in allowable form. Claim 6 relates to the three-dimensional structure characterized by the atomic structure coordinates of Table 5 which are taken from Compound A1, a compound with only oxygen at all of X₁, X₂, X₃, Y₁ and Y₂, and so also is enabled and in allowable form. Entry of this amendment after final is appropriate in that it puts the claims into form recognized as allowable by the Examiner in the previous action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the purpose of the claimed invention is not taught nor suggested by the cited references, nor is there any suggestion or teaching which would lead one skilled in the relevant art to combine the references in a manner which would meet the purpose of the claimed invention. Because the cited references, whether considered alone, or in combination with one another, do not teach nor suggest the purpose of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the prior art, including the art cited merely of record.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that its claims 1-7 are in condition for allowance at this time, patentably distinguishing over the cited prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and passage to allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney at (515) 288-2500 to discuss the claims in an effort to reach a mutual agreement with respect to claim limitations in the present application which will be effective to define the patentable subject matter if the present claims are not deemed to be adequate for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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